

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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Atty. Ref.: **30-557**

Serial No. **10/069,462**

Group:

National Phase of: **PCT/FI00/00724**

International Filing Date: **25 August 2000**

Filed: **March 13, 2002**

Examiner:

For: **METHOD FOR BLEACHING PULP WITH CHLORINE
DIOXIDE**

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May 2, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW ERRONEOUSLY ISSUED
NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

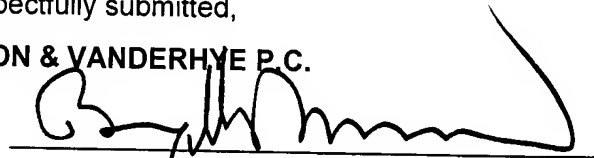
Sir:

Applicants request that the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed April 26, 2002 (copy enclosed) be withdrawn as issued in error. Specifically, applicants note that a Declaration was in fact submitted on March 13, 2002 as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the postal receipt card. Also enclosed are copies of all of the papers submitted on March 13, 2002; i.e., cover sheet, Declaration, Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Letter re New Inventor Addresses and Assignment with Recordation Cover Sheet. Accordingly, the present application was complete as of March 13, 2002 so that the Notification of Missing Requirements was issued in error. Withdrawal of the same is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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PCT/FI00/00724

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.

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PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/069,462	PCT/FI00/00724	30-557

FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)

Serial No.: 1p/069462 Atty: BHD
Applicant: ALASTALO et al Date: 3-13-02
Title: Method for Bleeding Client: 80
Pump with Chlorine Dioxide Ref: 557

☐ Amendment
☐ Pages Specification
☐ Claims
☐ Sheets Drawings: Formal ☐
Informal ☐
☒ Declaration (1 Pages)
☒ Assignment
☐ Priority Document
☐ Base Issue Fee Transmittal
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Other: (1) Supplemental IDS
(2) Letter Re New Inventor
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RULE 63 (37 C.F.R. 1.63)
INVENTORS DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR BLEACHING PULP WITH CHLORINE DIOXIDE

the specification of which (check applicable box(es)):

☐ is attached hereto
☐ was filed on _____ as U.S. Application Serial No. _____ (Atty Dkt. No. 30-557)
☒ was filed as PCT International application No. PCT/FI00/00724 on 25 August 2000
 and (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application:

Priority Foreign Application(s):

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
19991815	Finland	26 August 1999
19991816	Finland	26 August 1999
19991817	Finland	26 August 1999

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of all prior United States and PCT international applications listed above or below:

Prior U.S./PCT Application(s): Application Serial No.	Day/Month/Year Filed	Status: patented pending, abandoned
PCT/FI00/00724	25 August 2000	

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. And on behalf of the owner(s) hereof, I hereby appoint NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Rd., 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201-4714, telephone number (703) 816-4000 (to whom all communications are to be directed), and the following attorneys thereof (of the same address) individually and collectively owner's/owners' attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent: Larry S. Nixon, 25640; Arthur R. Crawford, 25327; James T. Hosmer, 30184; Robert W. Faris, 31352; Richard G. Besha, 22770; Mark E. Nusbaum, 32348; Michael J. Keenan, 32105; Bryan H. Davidson, 30251; Stanley C. Spooner, 27393; Leonard C. Mitchard, 29009; Duane M. Byers, 33363; Jeffrey H. Nelson, 30481; John R. Lastova, 33149; H. Warren Burnam, Jr. 29366; Mary J. Wilson, 32955; J. Scott Davidson, 33489; Alan M. Kagen, 36178; Robert A. Molan, 29834; B. J. Sadoi, 36663; James D. Berquist, 34776; Updeep S. Gill, 37334; Michael J. Shea, 34725; Donald L. Jackson, 41090; Michelle N. Lester, 32331; Frank P. Presta, 19628; Joseph S. Presta, 35329; Joseph A. Rhoa, 37515; Raymond Y. Mah, 41426; Chris Comuntzis, 31097; Gary T. Tanigawa, 43180. I also authorize Nixon & Vanderhye to delete any attorney names/numbers no longer with the firm and to act and rely solely on instructions directly communicated from the person, assignee, attorney, firm, or other organization sending instructions to Nixon & Vanderhye on behalf of the owner(s).

1.	Inventor's Signature: <u>Jaana Alastalo</u>	Date: <u>Feb. 17, 2002</u>
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FORM PTO-1390 (REV 11-2000)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF MERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 30-557
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 10/069,462
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FI00/00724	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 25 August 2000	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 26 August 1999

TITLE OF INVENTION

METHOD FOR BLEACHING PULP WITH CHLORINE DIOXIDE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The U.S. has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 To 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information. **LETTER RE NEW INVENTOR ADDRESSES**

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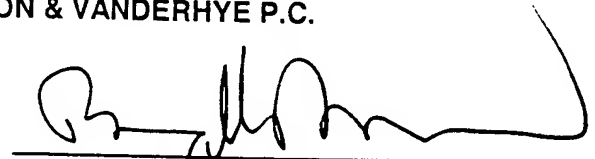
Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 26, 2002, applicants now enclose copies of references cited in a Search Report from the Finnish Patent Office listing these references in a PTO-1449, as well as a copy of the Finnish Patent Office Search Report.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT		DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	73020	4/1987	FI				
	WO 98/21400	5/1998	WIPO				X

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LETTER RE NEW INVENTOR ADDRESSES

Two of the inventor addresses have changed since the PCT application was published. On the Declaration which is being filed concurrently herewith, the inventor Alastalo's address is the new one; however, the inventor Vehmaa's address is old. For record purposes these two inventors current addresses are set forth as follows:

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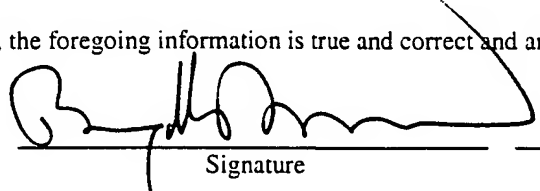
To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

<p>1. Name of conveying party(ies): Janna ALASTALO Olavi PIKKA Janne VEHEMA</p> <p>Additional name/s of conveying party/ies attached? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3. Nature of conveyance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment <input type="checkbox"/> Merger <input type="checkbox"/> Security Assignment <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Execution Date: February 19, March 8 and February 28, 2002</p>	<p>2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):</p> <p>Name: <u>ANDRITZ-AHLSTROM OY</u> Internal Address: _____ Street Address: <u>Tammasaarenkatu 1</u> _____ _____ City: <u>Helsinki</u> State/Country: <u>Finland</u> Zip: <u>FIN-00180</u></p> <p>Additional name/s & address/es attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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<p>4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: February 19, March 8 and February 28, 2002</p>	
<p>A. Patent Application No(s). (1) 10/069,462 (2) (3)</p>	<p>B. Patent No(s). (1) (2) (3)</p>
Additional numbers attached <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:</p> <p>Name: <u>Bryan H. Davidson</u> Internal Address: _____ Street Address: <u>Nixon & Vanderhye P.C.</u> <u>1100 North Glebe Road</u> <u>8th Floor</u> City: <u>Arlington</u> State: <u>VA</u> Zip: <u>22201</u></p>	<p>6. Total number of applications & patents involved: <u>1</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ <u>40.00</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account #14-1140</p> <p>8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u> in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper thereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. <u>14-1140</u>.</p>
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<p>9. Statements and signature. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</p>	
<p><u>Bryan H. Davidson</u> Name of Person Signing Reg. No. 30,251</p>	<p> Signature</p> <p><u>March 13, 2002</u> Date</p>
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ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, Janna ALASTALO, Olavi PIKKA, and Janne VEHEMAA, (hereinafter ASSIGNORS) of Siikakoskenpolku 16 as 1, FIN-48710 Karhula, Finland; Alhonkatu 15, FIN-48600 Karhula, Finland; and Oravankuja 2 B 8, FIN-49210 Huutjärvi, Finland, respectively, have invented a certain improvement in METHOD FOR BLEACHING PULP WITH CHLORINE DIOXIDE for which a so-entitled U.S. national phase application based on PCT/FI00/00724 for Letters Patent of the United States is being concurrently executed herewith or was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on _____ under Serial No. _____;

WHEREAS, ANDRITZ-AHLSTROM OY (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), a corporation of Finland, having an office and place of business at Tammasaarenkatu 1, FIN-00180 Helsinki, Finland is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNORS by these presents hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and all foreign countries, as described in the aforesaid application, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, for the sole use and behoof of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives. It is understood and agreed that ASSIGNEE'S attorneys, Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., have represented only ASSIGNEE and will continue to represent only ASSIGNEE with respect to this invention.

And, ASSIGNORS hereby agree to transfer a like interest upon request of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, and without further remuneration, in and to any improvements, and applications for patents based thereon, growing out of or related to the said invention; and to execute any papers by ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, deemed essential to ASSIGNEE'S full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred.

Agreeing, further, upon request of ASSIGNEE, and without further remuneration, to execute any and all papers desired by ASSIGNEE, for the filing and granting of foreign applications and the perfecting of title thereto in ASSIGNEE.

AGREED and executed as noted below:

February 19, 2002

Date

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Jaana ALASTALO

Witnessed by:

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Date: February 19, 2002

March 8, 2002

Date

Olavi Piikka
Olavi PIKKA

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Date:

February 28, 2002

Date

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Eija Ruster

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